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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 7 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 1 - 3 _____ received by this Authority on 17.09.2004
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 3 - 4 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The closest prior art cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4948310 A (ORD)

The cited document represents the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-14 is not disclosed by this document.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed device and method for loading/unloading of goods from a goods wagon comprising a load carrying unit and two end wagon portions, locked together by locking means which are inactivated by means of means for raising the load carrying unit in a way as stated in the claims. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-14 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

CLAIMS

1. Device for facilitating loading/unloading of goods from a goods wagon (1) comprising at least one load-carrying unit (5), two wagon portions (10) and means for locking together the load-carrying unit (5) and the wagon portions (10), which wagon portions are provided with means for transport on rail, said load-carrying unit (5) being separable from the wagon portions (10) in at least one end, and is movable to facilitate loading/unloading of the load-carrying unit (5), **characterized** in that the load-carrying unit (5) is provided with at least one slide foot that slides over a slide belt during lateral displacement of at least one end of the load-carrying unit, where the means for raising the load-carrying unit (5) are provided for inactivating the locking means.

2. Device according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the slide foot (40) is provided with upwardly bent ends.

3. Device according to any of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the slide belt (35) is housed in compartments (37) in side walls of the load-carrying unit (5).

4. Device according to any of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the slide belt (35) is covered with, or manufactured from, low friction material.

5. Device according to any of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the slide belt is covered with low friction plastic.

6. Device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the low friction plastic covering the drive belt is of PTFE type (e.g. Teflön®).

7. Device according to any of the preceding claims,
characterized in that the load-carrying unit (5) is
manufactured from composite plastics.

8. Device according to any of the preceding claims,
characterized in that the load-carrying unit (5) is
provided with ramps (20) that facilitate loading/ unloading
of goods.

9. Device according to any of the proceeding claims,
characterized in that the load-carrying unit (5) is
raised and lowered by means (25) connecting the load-
carrying unit (5) with the slide foot (40).

10. Device according to any of the preceding claims,
characterized in that one slide foot (40) with
corresponding slide belt (35) is provided at each end of
the load carrying unit (5).

11. Device according to any of the preceding claims
characterized in that ramp(s) are hingedly received
in at least one end of the load-carrying unit (5).

12. Method for facilitating loading/unloading of
goods from a goods wagon (1) comprising at least one load-
carrying unit (5), two wagon portions (10) and means for
locking said load-carrying unit (5) and said wagon portions
(10), which wagon portions are provided with means for
transport on rail, said load-carrying unit (5) being
separable from the wagon portions (10) on at least one end,
and is movable to facilitate loading/unloading of the load-
carrying unit (5), **characterized** in that the ends of
the load-carrying unit (5) are moved laterally, thereby
inactivating the locking means, by means of at least one

slide foot that slides over an corresponding slide belt during lateral displacement of at least one end of the load-carrying unit.

5 13. Method according to claim 12, **characterized**
in that the ends of the load-carrying unit (5) are slid to
) impose a pivoting motion of the load-carrying unit (5)
around a central, virtual pivot axis situated between the
wagon portions (10).

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) 14. Method according to claim 12, **characterized**
in that the ends of the load-carrying unit (5) are moved
laterally from the wagon portions (10), imposing a lateral
movement of the load unit with respect to a virtual line
15 connecting the wagon portions (10)

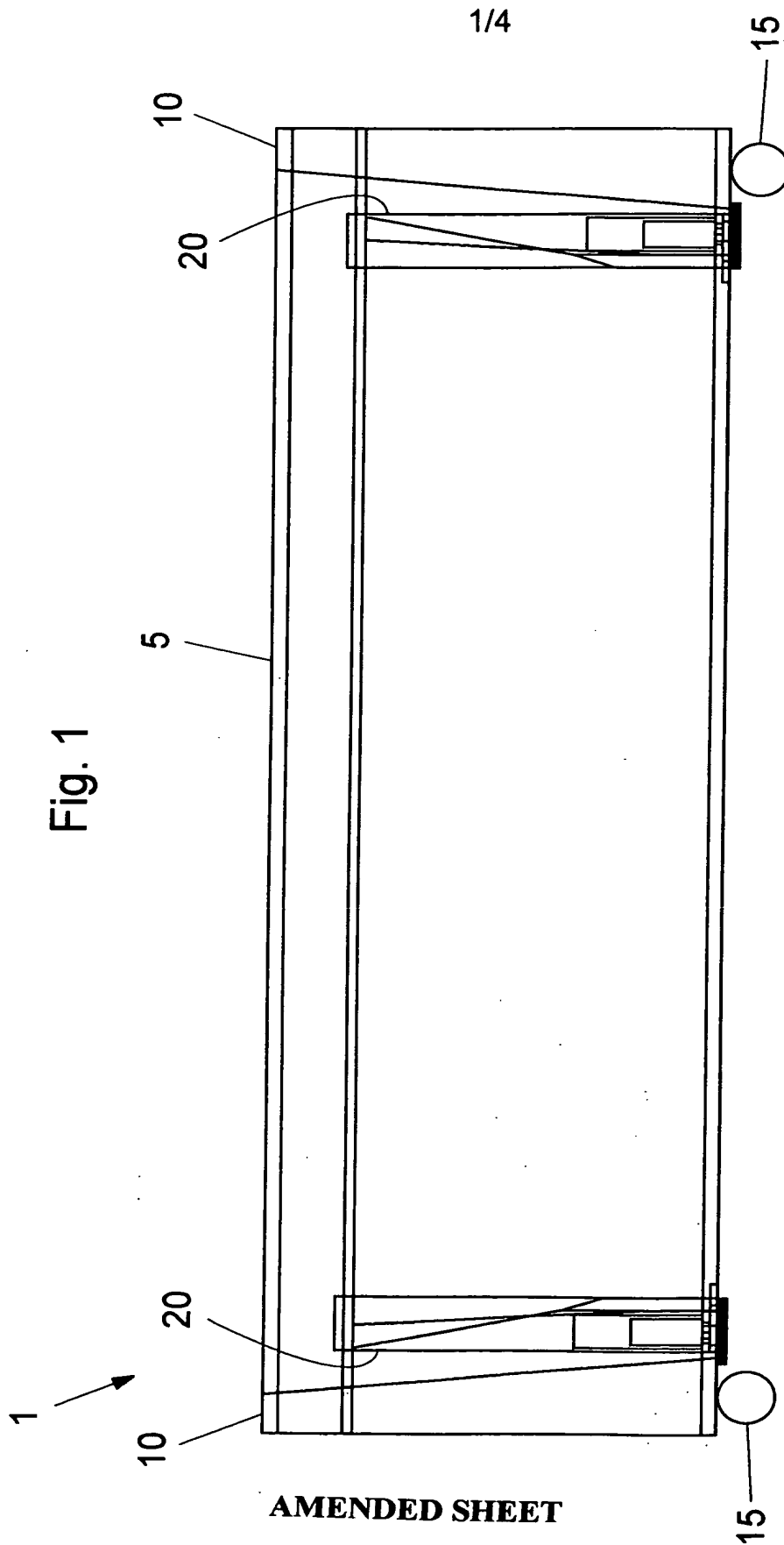


Fig. 2

